

meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28 for morning hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, April 29.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2262, H2265–66, H2277–78, H2278, H2283–84, H2284, and H2296. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on International Organizations and Peacekeeping. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador Bill Richardson, U.S. Representative to the United Nations; and Princeton Lyman, Assistant Secretary, International Organizations.

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Corporation for National and Community Service, the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, the U.S. Institute of Peace, the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission and the National Council on Disability. Testimony was heard from Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National Service; the following officials of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service: John Calhoun Wells, Director; C. Richard Barnes, Deputy Director, Field Operations; Vella M. Traynham, Deputy Director, National Office Operations; and Frances L. Leonard, Director, Budget and Finance Office; Richard H. Solomon, President, United States Institute of Peace; Mary Lu Jordan, Chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission; and Marca Bristo, Chairperson, National Council on Disability.

### VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

### HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Held a hearing on H.R. 219, Homeowners' Insurance Availability Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Fazio, Emerson and Christian-Green; Lawrence Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Donald A. Dowdell, Deputy General Counsel, Department of Insurance, State of Florida; David Knowles, Chief Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Department of Insurance, State of California; and public witnesses.

### FEDERAL INSURANCE PROGRAMS BUDGETING

*Committee on the Budget:* Task Force on Budget Process held a hearing on Budgeting for Federal Insurance Programs. Testimony was heard from Susan J. Irving, Associate Director, Budget Issues, GAO; Marvin Phaup, Deputy Assistant Director, Special Studies, CBO; and Rudolph G. Penner, Senior Fellow, Urban Institute.

### DIGITAL HIGH DEFINITION TV

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Digital High Definition Television: Coming Soon to a Home Theater Near You. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### AMERICAN WORKER PROJECT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the American Worker Project: Emerging Trends in the High-Tech Workplace. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Failed to obtain two-thirds Committee majority to grant immunity to four individuals regarding campaign fundraising investigation.

### KUOTO PROTOCOL

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on "The Kuoto Protocol: Is the Clinton-Gore Administration Selling Out Americans?" Testimony was heard from Senator Hagel; Representatives Calvert, Knollenberg, Wise, and McCarthy of Missouri; Edward Montgomery, Chief Economist, Department of Labor; Dan Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; David Gardiner, Assistant Administrator, Policy, Planning, and Evaluation, EPA; William A. Walaska, Senator, State of Rhode Island; Tom Alley,

Representative, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

### COMBATING TERRORISM

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on "Combating Terrorism: The Proliferation of Agencies' Efforts." Testimony was heard from Representative Skelton; the following officials of the GAO: Richard Davis, Director, National Security and International Affairs Division; and Davi D'Agostino, Assistant Director, National Security Analysis Division; and Larry C. Johnson, former Deputy Director, Office of Counter Terrorism, Department of State.

### AMERICANS VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

*Committee on International Relations:* Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measure be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 220, amended, regarding American victims of terrorism.

The Committee also considered pending Committee business.

### ASIAN FINANCIAL CRISIS—JAPAN'S ROLE

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a joint hearing on Japan's Role in the Asian Financial Crisis. Testimony was heard from James Glassman, Fellow, American Enterprise Institute; Bob Grondine, Governor, American Chamber of Commerce, Japan; Peter S. Walters, Group Vice President, Guardian Industries Corporation; and Richard Katz, Contributing Editor, *The Oriental Economist Report*.

### BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3150, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998.

### CHILD CUSTODY ORDERS ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 1690, to amend title 28 of the United States Code regarding enforcement of child custody orders. Testimony was heard from Representative Andrews; and public witnesses.

### OCEANS ACT; OVERSIGHT—ARCTIC SNOW GESE

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3445, Oceans Act of 1998.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on Arctic Snow Geese: Is the Arctic Ecosystem in Peril? Testimony was heard from Representatives Hunter and Cunningham; Paul Schmidt, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2886, amended, Granite Watershed Enhancement and Protection Act of 1997; H.R. 3467, California Spotted Owl Interim Protection Act of 1998; H.R. 1021, Miles Land Exchange Act of 1997; and H.R. 3381, Gallatin Land Consolidation Act of 1998.

### SAN RAFAEL SWELL HERITAGE AND CONSERVATION ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 3625, San Rafael Swell Heritage and Conservation Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Bennett; Representative Cannon; Pat Shea, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; the following officials of the State of Utah: Michael Leavitt, Governor; and Mike Dmitrich, member, Senate; and public witnesses.

### AVIATION MATTERS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the impact of recent alliances, international agreements, DOT actions, and pending legislation on air fares, air service, and competition in the airline industry. Testimony was heard from Representatives Quinn, Walsh, Wolf, Ganske, Moran of Virginia, Slaughter, Manton, Jackson of Illinois and Norton; John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; Nancy McFadden, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue April 30.

### VETERANS' PROGRAMS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the research and treatment of war-related illnesses; and to review the VA's sexual trauma counseling program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Capt. Craig Hyams, M.D., USN, Infectious Diseases Department, Naval Medical Research Institute, Department of the Navy; and Gary Christopherson, Acting Principal Deputy Secretary,

Health Affairs; Richard Miller, M.D., Director, Medical Follow-Up Agency, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences; Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; Stephen Backhus, Director, Veterans' Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, Health, Education and Human Services Division, GAO; and representatives of veterans' organizations.

#### HEALTH CARE—PATIENT APPEALS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Patient Appeals in Health Care. Testimony was heard from Mike Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; William E. Flynn, III, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance, OPM; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—TAX LAW-HEALTH INSURANCE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on oversight of current tax law related to health insurance. Testimony was heard from George M. Reider, Jr., Commissioner, Insurance Department, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

#### FUTURE IMAGERY ARCHITECTURE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Future Imagery Architecture. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

#### AUTHORIZATION—NATIONAL MARROW DONOR PROGRAM

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources' Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Commerce's Subcommittee on Health and Environment on H.R. 2202, authorizing funds for the National Marrow Donor Program, after receiving testimony from Representative Bill Young; Claude Earl Fox, Acting Administrator, Health Re-

sources and Services Administration, and Claude Lenfant, Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Adm. E.R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Ret.), Arlington, Virginia, and Craig W.S. Howe, Minneapolis, Minnesota, both on behalf of the National Marrow Donor Program; Edward L. Snyder, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut, on behalf of the American Association of Blood Banks; Clive O. Callender, National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program, and Robert Wedge, both of Washington, D.C.; and Angel Hernandez, Silver Spring, Maryland.

#### ISTEA AUTHORIZATION

*Conferees* on Wednesday, April 22, met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Friday, April 24.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1998

##### Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

##### House

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health and Environment, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, joint hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services Inspector General's Audit of the Health Care Financing Administration's Fiscal Year 1997 Financial Statements, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

##### Joint Meetings

*Conferees,* on H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Conferees,* on H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 10 a.m., S-05, Capitol.